

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/067,976

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Neveen Abel-Jalil

Art Unit

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

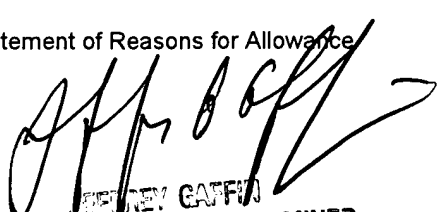
1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/28/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-20 and 22-26.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In response the Amendment filed on September 28, 2005, claims 2, and 21 have been cancelled. Claims 22-26 are newly added. Therefore, claims 1, 3-20, and 22-26 are pending.
2. Replacement sheet of drawing "Figure 19" is hereby accepted.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a written electronic communication with Mr. Stephen B. Parker (Attorney of Record) on October 7, 2005.

4. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The assembly of claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein said audio is contained within an MP3 compression format.

Reasons for Allowance

5. Claims 1, 3-20, and 22-26 are allowed over the prior art made of record.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record (Yuen et al. -U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0054073 ('Yuen')
-and- Chrabaszcz et al. -U.S. Patent No. 6,154,835 ('Chrabaszcz')-and- Fox et al.- U.S. Patent
Publication No. 2002/0116421 ('Fox')) do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations
of (in combination with all other features in the claim), wherein said reader program is
configured such that when the pre-recorded audio narration of the book is played and said
corresponding page of text is concurrently displayed in said fixed non-scrolling condition, a
corresponding segment of the text for which the pre-recorded audio narration is concurrently
played is highlighted in such a manner that the highlighting moves downward along the
corresponding fixed non-scrolling page of text as the audio narration of an actual human voice is
played, as claimed in Independent claim 1.

Claims 3-20, and 22-26 are allowed over the prior art made of record, because it is
dependent from the allowed independent claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the
payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue
fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for
Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Neveen Abel-Jalil whose telephone number is 571-272-4074. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey A. Gaffin can be reached on 571-272-4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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October 7, 2005